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**Sent:** 10 March 2016 16:59  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Subject:** FW: EWING PRESSES CASE FOR NEW LOCHGELLY HEALTH CENTRE

Hi Mark,  
Interesting this one. Do you want to comment, since I do recall you might have raised this very issue once or thrice!  
Nice to see the other side backing you!  
Cheers,  
Leeza

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**Attachments:** IanChisholm Report.jpg

FYI

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**Sent:** 21 April 2016 13:54  
**To:** Sandy Riddell; Cllr Ian Chisholm  
**Cc:** Cllr Andrew Rodger  
**Subject:** Lochgelly Health Centre

Hi Sandy,

Can you give me a progress update on the development of a business case for a new Lochgelly Health Centre. The Scottish government have indicated that they have money allocated to the project (2018/19) and are awaiting a business from Fife (see Cllr Chisholm's report to the community council), can you give an indication as to when the community will be consulted on a business case, and when it is likely to be ready to be submitted to the Scottish Government.

The community council are running a local campaign on the issue and it would be good to be able to provide regular updates on progress.

Ian – Can you provide information you've been sent from the Scottish Government confirming funding becoming available, and that details the conditions they are making.

Thanks

Mark

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**Subject:** FW: Media Response: Lochgelly Health Centre Private and Confidential  
**Attachments:** lochgeJly health centre.docx; ATT00001.htm

Stevie / Brian,

See attached comments of support for the Health Centre campaign, they seem to contradict what Chisholm said in his report to the community council. The Courier have been on looking for a comment from me so it might be worth sending [leclark@thecourier.co.uk](mailto:leclark@thecourier.co.uk) your press release.

You need make sure the community council get the credit if any announcement is made on funding.

Mark

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Sorry I missed the meeting on Friday. [REDACTED]

See note attached press and also the report Chisholm gave to the Lochgelly Community council on Wednesday looks as if the SG are going to make an announcement. Have you heard anything from Belinda?

Mark

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**Subject:** FW: NHS IT & Lochgelly Centre

**Importance:** High

Linda/Mark

For information.

Kevin

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**From:** Eileen Duncan  
**Sent:** 14 July 2015 08:07  
**To:** David McIlroy; Neil Wilson  
**Cc:** Kevin Sayer; Laurie Piper  
**Subject:** FW: NHS IT & Lochgelly Centre  
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Hi Both,

Can you please see below email from Kevin Sayer. I'm thinking that given this request is for access to NHS IT systems it will need to be picked up directly by NHS IT at this stage? Do either of you know who this request can be routed to or how it might be slotted into any of the current projects?

Kind regards  
*Eileen*

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**From:** Kevin Sayer  
**Sent:** 13 July 2015 15:24  
**To:** Rose Carson  
**Cc:** Eileen Duncan; Laurie Piper  
**Subject:** NHS IT & Lochgelly Centre

Rose (Eileen in her absence)

I was given your name by Ian Wilson in Social Work. I'm looking for help with a local issue. Cowdenbeath Area Committee has been working with NHS Fife and other partners to deliver a Social Prescribing initiative in Lochgelly. This involves a practice nurse screening patients with Mental Health problems and referring them to a suitable provider. The issue is that there is very limited capacity within the Lochgelly Clinic to see these patients and thus the service is restricted. A replacement clinic has been mooted but it is likely to be over 5 years before this will be delivered.

In the interim Lochgelly Centre has suitable rooms and is willing to come to an arrangement for their use. The barrier is that the practice nurse needs access to NHS IT to make and record any referrals. Can you help or, if not, point me in the right direction?

I've copied Laurie in as the person responsible for Lochgelly Centre.

Thanks in anticipation

Kevin  
*Kevin Sayer*  
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*Cowdenbeath Area*  
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Mark

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[REDACTED] Thomas Durham  
**Subject:** Invite to Public Meeting- Lochgelly Health Centre  
**Attachments:** 07 Public Meeting 2 invite letter.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Colleague

As you are aware, Lochgelly Community Council are currently campaigning for a new health centre for our town. This will also benefit the surrounding communities.

We have arranged a series of events so far raising awareness of this issue and have organised a second public meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 630pm in St.Serfs church.

You are warmly invited to attend I would be grateful if you could confirm your availability.

Yours sincerely  
Stevie Murray  
Secretary  
Lochgelly Community Council

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Colleague

**Lochgelly Health Centre**

As you are aware Lochgelly Community Council are currently campaigning for a new health centre for the town. To date we have held a public meeting, issued press statements and initiated a petition for members of the public to support the campaign.

This follows on from the work of the Health Round Table which was established following serious concerns raised by the Community Council, to tackle a multitude of social and health problems in the town. This was a highly successful venture which included colleagues from Health, Social Work, Housing, Police Scotland and representatives from the Voluntary sector.

The purpose of our campaign is to get a facility that offers a full range of services including GP, Counselling, Social Work, Housing, Money advice etc. The intention is to identify and tackle the source of the problem and not simply treat the symptoms. If we get a new facility that houses the range of support services needed then patients could be redirected to the most appropriate area which would free up time for the GP and reduce waiting times.

We understand that there is a business case being developed, however from the February meeting of the NHS Fife Capital Project board, it is evident that there are no specific plans for funding a new build in Lochgelly for the next five years. We have to welcome the Ministers response confirming funds would be made available, however this doesn't state how much money would be provided to support the creation of the facility.

Lochgelly Community Council area has a higher level of people with more than one significant illness in comparison with Fife and Scotland, a higher level of prescribed medication for mental health than Fife and Scotland and is an area of multi-deprivation.

It is our belief that there is longer term benefits achieved by providing support to address the source the problems. We shouldn't have to wait five years or longer for a new facility.



*By Industry we flourish*

We believe that only a joint campaign will achieve our objectives and to date we have had no objections from across the political divide.

We need you to take forward our campaign with the relevant bodies to provide a definitive and realistic timescale for a new Health Centre to be built and operational for Lochgelly.

With this in mind you are warmly invited to attend the second public meeting which we have arranged for

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 18.30 in St. Serfs Church, Main Street Lochgelly.**

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely



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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Sent:** 21 April 2016 13:54  
**To:** Sandy Riddell; Cllr Ian Chisholm  
**Cc:** Cllr Andrew Rodger  
**Subject:** Lochgelly Health Centre  
**Attachments:** IanChisholm Report.jpg

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Date: 9 March 2016 at 15:40:12 GMT

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Cc: Stevie Murray <Stevie.Murray@fife.gov.uk>

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Cllr Ian Chisholm SNP Elected member for Lochgelly+Cardenden

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**From:** Jaundrill Carol (NHS FIFE) <carol.jaundrill@nhs.net>  
**Sent:** 07 May 2015 09:05  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Cc:** Mary Porter; Eydmann Lesley (NHS FIFE); Rotheram James (NHS FIFE)  
**Subject:** MEETING TO DISCUSS LOCHGELLY HEALTH CENTRE

MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF MARY PORTER

Thank you for the meeting to discuss the developments being proposed for Lochgelly Health Centre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015. We will be in touch as things progress.

**Carol Jaundrill**  
**PA to General Manager &**  
**Service Development Manager (Children's Services)**  
**NHS Fife Community Services**  
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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Sent:** 14 March 2016 14:16  
**To:** 'editorial@centralfifetimes.co.uk'  
**Subject:** Press Statement : Lochgelly Health Centre Campaign

Jim

Statement welcoming support for new health centre.....

'I have been working with the community council since 2013 looking at how we address the health problems in our community and we have made some real progress with the social prescribing being the most notable success. The health centre campaign is the latest initiative from the community council and it's great to see it getting support from across the community. This is a really important project and we need as many people as possible to sign the petition and get behind the community council.'

Mark

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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Sent:** 12 March 2016 12:33  
**To:** 'Leeza Clark'  
**Subject:** RE: EWING PRESSES CASE FOR NEW LOCHGELLY HEALTH CENTRE  
**Attachments:** Fwd: Report for tonights CC

Hi Leeza

Sorry I've had a problem with my email so just picking this up.

Here is a comment from me.

'It's great to get more support for the Health Centre Project, but we are really looking for a clear timeframe for the development of the business case and indicative dates for the start of construction. But most importantly we need a commitment on funding for the new centre.'

'It's a great campaign being run by the community council but we are only at the start of a long road and we need the support of the community. So I would encourage as many people as possible to support the campaign and sign the petition.'

Off the record – attached is a report from Cllr Ian Chisholm to the Lochgelly Community Council on Wednesday this week. He has also posted it to his facebook page.

Mark

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**From:** Leeza Clark [mailto:[leclark@thecourier.co.uk](mailto:leclark@thecourier.co.uk)]  
**Sent:** 10 March 2016 16:59  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Subject:** FW: EWING PRESSES CASE FOR NEW LOCHGELLY HEALTH CENTRE

Hi Mark,

Interesting this one. Do you want to comment, since I do recall you might have raised this very issue once or thrice!  
Nice to see the other side backing you!

Cheers,

Leeza

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**From:** [Calum.Smith@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Calum.Smith@scottish.parliament.uk) [mailto:[Calum.Smith@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Calum.Smith@scottish.parliament.uk)]  
**Sent:** 10 March 2016 15:42  
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**Thursday 10 March 2016 – For Immediate Release**

### EWING PRESSES CASE FOR NEW LOCHGELLY HEALTH CENTRE

Ms **Annabelle Ewing** MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliament representing Mid Scotland & Fife, has written to Fife NHS and the Cabinet Secretary for Health expressing her full support for a new Health Centre in Lochgelly.

Speaking today (Thursday), Ms Ewing said:

*"NHS Fife has included a new health centre for Lochgelly in its forward investment plans and I have written to the chief executive asking when the required Business Plan will be submitted to the Scottish Government for its consideration.*

*"I have also written to the Cabinet Secretary for Health making it clear that the case for a new Health Centre in Lochgelly is a very strong one indeed and has my full support.*

*"This is a very important issue and I will ensure that constituents are kept advised of the responses I receive."*

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**Contact:** Calum Smith, [REDACTED] (Mobile)

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Colleagues

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Regards  
Stevie

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**Sent:** 06 April 2015 10:15  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Cc:** Sandy Riddell; Steve Grimmond; Mary Porter; Dorothy Guthrie NHS  
**Subject:** RE: Lochgelly Health Centre

### **Email sent on behalf of Sandy Riddell**

Dear Cllr Hood thank you for your email. I have checked with health colleagues the intention for Lochgelly HC and have been advised of the following:

There are plans being developed for Lochgelly Health Centre, as a Hub Design, Build, Finance & Maintain(DBFM project). This is one of two health centres that NHS Fife have identified as requiring a rebuild, the other being Kincardine, which Dunfermline & West CHP considered to be more of a priority.

The process is that an Initial Agreement Document is required to initially demonstrate that a project is required and outlines high level options and costs. This goes to the Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorate Capital Investment Group (CIG) once it has received NHS Fife Board Approval. If approved by CIG the Board will be asked to produce an Outline Business Case , if the value is greater than £5m , which provides more detail in the form of an Option appraisal to arrive at the preferred Option. Once this is approved, a Full Business Case is then required.

As you can see, there is some considerable work to be done prior to the design stage. Should you wish to discuss this in more detail can I suggest you contact Mary Porter who is working with the team locally on the development.

Kind regards

Sandy

*Kerry Elliott*  
Secretary to  
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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Sent:** 12 March 2015 10:34:39 (UTC) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
**To:** Sandy Riddell; Steve Grimmond  
**Subject:** Lochgelly Health Centre

Sandy / Steve

Lochgelly Health Centre as a facility no longer meets the needs for the community and I would like your help to start the process of looking at a new facility that will be able to host the services required by local people.

The issue of the health centre was raised at the Lochgelly Health Round Table event last year and since then there seems to have been little progress made. I would like to have established a steering group with representatives from the NHS and FC, along with staff working in the centre and a representative from the community council. The purpose of the group would be to drive forward plans for the health centre replacement.

Can I ask that you assign staff from your teams to support this project over the next year.

Thanks

Mark

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**From:** Kerry Elliott  
**Sent:** 21 April 2016 14:21  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Cc:** Sandy Riddell; Claire Dobson; Cllr Andrew Rodger; Cllr Ian Chisholm  
**Subject:** RE: Lochgelly Health Centre

### Email sent on behalf of Sandy Riddell

I write to acknowledge your email. I have passed your enquiry to Claire Dobson, Divisional General Manager to respond.

Kind Regards  
Kerry

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**Cc:** Cllr Andrew Rodger  
**Subject:** Lochgelly Health Centre

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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Sent:** 12 March 2016 12:34  
**To:** Cllr Andrew Rodger  
**Subject:** RE: Media Response: Lochgelly Health Centre Private and Confidential

Thanks Andrew – I've had The Courier on looking for a quote.

Mark

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**From:** Cllr Andrew Rodger  
**Sent:** 11 March 2016 14:02  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Subject:** Fwd: Media Response: Lochgelly Health Centre Private and Confidential

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Andrew

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**To:** 'Rowley A (Alex), MSP'  
**Subject:** RE: Media Response: Lochgelly Health Centre Private and Confidential

Yeah, I got something along those lines back to her.

Mark

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**From:** Rowley A (Alex), MSP [mailto:[Alex.Rowley.msp@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Alex.Rowley.msp@scottish.parliament.uk)]  
**Sent:** 12 March 2016 12:56  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
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Mark

You need to make clear this is something that you have been fighting for over these last years and also say it is the local community that has fought for this new health centre and the fact that we are now getting it is because we totally need it not because a few politicians are jumping on the bandwagon.

Something like that!!

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Stevie / Brian,

See attached comments of support for the Health Centre campaign, they seem to contradict what Chisholm said in his report to the community council. The Courier have been on looking for a comment from me so it might be worth sending [leclark@thecourier.co.uk](mailto:leclark@thecourier.co.uk) your press release.

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**Subject:** RE: Petition v1  
**Attachments:** Emailing: Lochgelly Community Council

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Mark

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All,

Update from last night.....

I've created a Facebook page for the community council

<https://www.facebook.com/LochgellyCommunityCouncil/>

Can everyone on Facebook please like the page and share with friends and family to try and increase the number of page likes. Once you have liked the page I can add you as administrators.

I've also created an online petition in the name of the community council using the wording I got from Brian, with some small changes to make it fit with the format of the online petition.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/a-new-health-centre-for-lochgelly-1>

I've created a post on the community council website, linking to the petition asking people to support our campaign. It would be good if you can share this post as it would like people back to our new facebook page the petition.

Stevie – can you speak to Derek about sharing both the new Facebook page and the petition on the Lochgelly past and Present Facebook page. If we can get a good response in the first few days that can be the story for next week's times.

I'll start working on the graphic for the banner.

Mark

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Hi all

See the attached .

On Monday, 7 March 2016, 19:29, Brian Schulz <[Brian.Schulz@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Brian.Schulz@fife.gov.uk)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2016 03:08 PM GMT Standard Time  
**To:** Brian Schulz  
**Subject:** Petition v1

Brian

Draft 1 for your group.

Stevie

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**From:** Mark Hood <mark@markhood.org>  
**Sent:** 08 March 2016 20:27  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Subject:** Emailing: Lochgelly Community Council  
**Attachments:** Lochgelly Community Council.pdf

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attachments:

Lochgelly Community Council

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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Sent:** 08 March 2016 13:52  
**To:** 'lochgellybaptist@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Petition v1

John - Its working okay for me. It might be something at your end

-----Original Message-----

From: [lochgellybaptist@aol.com](mailto:lochgellybaptist@aol.com) [mailto:[lochgellybaptist@aol.com](mailto:lochgellybaptist@aol.com)]  
Sent: 08 March 2016 13:03  
To: Cllr. Mark Hood  
Subject: Re: Petition v1

Mark, the 2nd link comes up with 404 error

Jon Magee

Author of "From Barren Rocks to Living Stones" & "Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey" <http://about.me/Jonmagee.author.minister>

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To: 'Brian Schulz' [REDACTED]; Carol Mackie [REDACTED]; Jean MacDonald [REDACTED]; Cllr Linda Erskine <[Cllr.Linda.Erskine@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Linda.Erskine@fife.gov.uk)>; James /EXT Mann [REDACTED]; George Kinnell <[george@lochgelly.org.uk](mailto:george@lochgelly.org.uk)>; Jon Magee <[lochgellybaptist@aol.com](mailto:lochgellybaptist@aol.com)>; Jim Haddow [REDACTED]; Thomas Durham [REDACTED]; Stevie.murray [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 8 Mar 2016 12:11  
Subject: RE: Petition v1

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Sent: 07 March 2016 19:35  
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Subject: Fw: Petition v1

Hi all

See the attached .

On Monday, 7 March 2016, 19:29, Brian Schulz <Brian.Schulz@fife.gov.uk> wrote:

From: Stevie Murray  
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 03:08 PM GMT Standard Time  
To: Brian Schulz  
Subject: Petition v1

Brian

Draft 1 for your group.

Stevie

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**Sent:** 10 March 2016 12:19  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Petition v1

[REDACTED] I need to add you to my friends list before I can add you as an admin role on the FB page

Mark

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 March 2016 20:57  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Subject:** Re: Petition v1

Hi I've just liked the page and shared with a fair few. If you wana email me the admin info that would be great. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Aileen Robertson <[a Robertson@thecourier.co.uk](mailto:a Robertson@thecourier.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 11 January 2016 09:42  
**To:** Cllr. Mark Hood  
**Subject:** RE: Press Release: Health Minister dismisses timeframe concerns over new Health Centre

Thank you Mark. Might not be in the paper tomorrow, given we've got bird flu in Fife, but will factor it in soon.  
Much appreciated though.

Aileen

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**From:** Cllr. Mark Hood [mailto:[Cllr. Mark. Hood@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr. Mark. Hood@fife.gov.uk)]  
**Sent:** 08 January 2016 14:41  
**To:** Aileen Robertson  
**Subject:** FW: Press Release: Health Minister dismisses timeframe concerns over new Health Centre

### Councillor accuses Health Minister of 'ducking the issue' on a new Lochgelly Health Centre

A senior Fife councillor has accused the Health Minister of 'ducking the issue' of the time required to get a new Health Centre in Lochgelly. Councillor Mark Hood who represents Lochgelly and Cardenden has written to Shona Robison the Scottish Government Health Minister asking her review the need for a process that is likely to take over 5 years to undertake.

Speaking to The Courier Mr Hood said 'Lochgelly desperately needs a new Health Centre if we are to address the health needs of the community and we simply should not have to wait 5 years for that to happen. I recently was given a tour of the Health Centre by a local GP and its clear the facilities are deteriorating quickly. As well as the lack of space in the building the roof is letting in water. This is putting more pressure staff in the health centre.'

'The Health Minister instead of ducking the issue, should accept that 5 years is to long for Lochgelly to wait for a new health centre and it needs to be given a higher priority.'

In her reply Ms Robison explains that the process needs to be robust to ensure 'taxpayers money is invested efficiently, effectively and appropriately and that these capital projects deliver value for money'.

However Mr Hood explained 'I fully share Ms Robison's desire to ensure we spend taxpayers money wisely, but it should not take 5 years to do so. Does this process consider the cost in both human and financial terms of the community having to live with a substandard facility for a further 5 years. All I am asking is the process is completed quickly and we get the badly needed new health centre for the town as soon as possible.'

**End**

If you require further information on this issue please contact Mark Hood on [REDACTED]

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Our ref: MH/APH

14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Councillor MARK HOOD**

Ms Shona Robison  
Cabinet Secretary for Health,  
Wellbeing & Sport  
The Scottish Government  
St Andrew's House  
Regent Road  
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

E-mail: [Cllr.Mark.Hood@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Mark.Hood@fife.gov.uk)

Dear Ms Robison

### **LOCHGELLY HEALTH CENTRE - REPLACEMENT**

I am writing firstly to ask for you to support the business case being developed by health service staff in Fife for a new health centre in Lochgelly. The existing health centre building is 50% of the size recommend for the number of patients registered with the GP practices located in the building. The need for improved health facilities in the town is urgent, the health centre serves an area with some of the highest levels of poverty in Scotland and with a long history of health inequalities.

Lochgelly is also a strategic development area with 1800 new homes planned for the area within the next ten years, which will add immensely to the pressure on local health services. I expect the business case being developed to be a compelling one and one which I hope you can support.

This brings me to my second point, health service staff have set expectations that the process of developing a business case, taking it through the relevant governance, and following the Scottish Government procurement procedures will mean that it will take around 5 years before we can expect to be opening a new health centre in Lochgelly. I am deeply concerned that if we are to wait this long for the new health facilities to be in place it will have a significant impact on the level of service an under pressure health centre can provide and will only further prevent us as a community addressing the long term health issues.

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The reasons given for time required is initially staff resource required to develop the business case being constrained, but more critically the length of time it takes to follow the governance and procurement procedures laid down by the Scottish Government. Can I ask that you have staff review procedures with a view of removing unnecessary bureaucracy and advise health service staff how we can reduce the time required to develop this important facility.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Mark Hood

Copy to: Alex Rowley MSP  
Cllr Linda Erskine  
Lochgelly Community Council